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MAN INDICTED FOR MURDER OF HAINES CITY POLICE OFFICER

U.S. Attorney Paul I. Perez , Polk County Sheriff Lawrence Crow, Haines City Police Chief Morris West, and Florida Department of Law Enforcement Regional Director, Lance Newman, announced today the return of a fourteen count indictment charging Christopher B. Gamble, age 26 , of Polk County, with the murder of Haines City Police Officer Christopher Todd Homer on March 3, 1998 in Polk County. The indictment also charges Gamble with numerous robberies of businesses and banks in Polk County during 1998 and 1999. If convicted Gamble faces the death penalty or life imprisonment.

This investigation is being conducted by the Haines City Police Department, Polk County Sheriff's Office, the Florida Department of Law Enforcement, and the Drug Enforcement Administration. It is being prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney James Muench.

An indictment is merely a formal charge that a defendant has committed a violation of the federal criminal laws, and every defendant is presumed innocent until, and unless, proven guilty.

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